THE

FORM

OF ADMITTING A

CONVERT

INTO THE

COMMUNION *of the* CHURCH.

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Note, This Office is to be uſed by a Biſhop, when the Convert is a Clergyman: In other Caſes it may be uſed by a Prieſt.

Note alſo, That if the Convert was never confirmed, the Anointing with holy Chriſm, together with the Words appointed to be ſaid at that time, and the Prayer next following, muſt be omitted, and the Convert muſt be confirmed as ſoon as conveniently may be.

The Prieſt ſhall ſay to the Congregation:

Dearly Beloved,

WE purpoſe (God willing) to admit the *Perſon* here preſent into the Communion of our Church, as into that of a pure and ſound Part of Chriſt's Holy Catholick Church. Now, that this weighty Affair may have its due Effect, let us in the firſt place humbly and devoutly pray to Almighty

God for his Bleſſing upon us in this pious and charitable Office which we are going about.

Then ſhall follow theſe Two Prayers.

PRevent us, O Lord, in all our Doings, with thy moſt gracious Favour, and further us with thy continual Help; that in this, and all other our Works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name; and, finally, by thy Mercy, obtain everlaſting Life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who ſheweſt to thoſe that are in Error, the Light of thy Truth, to the Intent that they may return into the Way of Righteouſneſs; grant unto all them, who are or ſhall be admitted into the Communion of this pure Branch of the Holy Catholick Church, of which we are Members, that they may eſchew thoſe Things which are contrary to their Profeſſion, and follow all ſuch Things as are agreeable to the ſame, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

Then ſhall follow the Pſalm and Leſſon, the Deacon ſaying,

The Pſalm appointed for this Occaſion is the 122d.

I Was glad, when they ſaid unto me: We will go into the Houſe of the Lord.

Our Feet ſhall ſtand in thy Gates: O Jeruſalem.

Jeruſalem is built as a City: that is at Unity in itſelf.

For

For thither the Tribes go up, even the Tribes of the Lord: to teſtify unto Iſrael, to give Thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the Seat of Judgment: even the Seat of the Houſe of David.

O pray for the Peace of Jeruſalem: they ſhall proſper that love thee.

Peace be within thy Walls: and Plenteouſneſs within thy Palaces.

For my Brethren and Companions Sakes: I will wiſh thee Proſperity.

Yea becauſe of the Houſe of the Lord our God: I will ſeek to do thee Good.

Glory be to the Father, *&c.*

As it was in the Beginning, *&c.*

The Leſſon, to be read by the Deacon, ſaying,

The Leſſon appointed for this Occaſion is written in the ſecond Chapter of the Acts of the holy Apoſtles, beginning at the 37th Verſe.

NOW when they heard this, they were pricked in their Heart, and ſaid unto Peter and to the reſt of the Apoſtles, Men and Brethren, what ſhall we do? Then Peter ſaid unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jeſus Chriſt, for the Remiſſion of Sins, and ye ſhall receive the Gift of the Holy Ghoſt: for the Promiſe is unto you, and to your Children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God ſhall call. And with many other Words did he teſtify and exhort, ſaying, Save yourſelves from this untoward Generation. Then they that gladly received his Word, were baptized; and the ſame Day there were added *unto them* about three thouſand Souls. And they

they continued ſtedfaſtly in the Apoſtles Doctrine and Fellowſhip, and in Breaking of Bread, and in Prayers. And Fear came upon every Soul; and many Wonders and Signs were done by the Apoſtles. And all that believed were together, and had all Things common, and ſold their Poſſeſſions and Goods, and parted them to all Men, as every Man had Need. And they continuing daily with one Accord in the Temple, and breaking Bread from Houſe to Houſe, did eat their Meat with Gladneſs and Singleneſs of Heart, praiſing God, and having Favour with all the People. And the Lord added to the Church daily ſuch as ſhould be ſaved.

Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay to the Convert as follows:

Dearly Beloved,

I Have good Hope that *thou haſt* before this time well weighed and conſidered with *thyſelf* the great Work which *thou art* come about: But, foraſmuch as with the Heart Man believeth unto Righteouſneſs, and with the Mouth Confeſſion is made unto Salvation; that *thou mayeſt* give the more Honour to God, and that this preſent Congregation of Chriſt here aſſembled may alſo underſtand *thy* Mind and Will in theſe Things, and that this *thy* Declaration may the more confirm *thee* in *thy* good Reſolutions, *thou ſhalt* anſwer plainly to theſe Queſtions, which we, in the Name of God and of his Church, ſhall propoſe to *thee* touching the ſame.

Queſtion. Doſt thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth? And in Jeſus Chriſt his only-begotten Son our Lord? And that he was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin Mary; that he ſuffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

crucified, dead, and buried; that he went down into Hades, and alſo did riſe again the third Day; that he aſcended into Heaven, and ſitteth at the right Hand of God the Father Almighty; and from thence ſhall come again, at the End of the World, to judge the Quick and the Dead? And *doſt thou* believe in the Holy Ghoſt, the Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints, the Remiſſion of Sins, the Reſurrection of the Fleſh, and everlaſting Life after Death?

Anſwer. All this I ſtedfaſtly believe.

Q. Art thou heartily ſorry that *thou haſt* erred from the Truth, and not followed the right Way, preſcribed by our Bleſſed Saviour, and received from the Apoſtles by the Holy Catholick Church?

A. I am heartily ſorry, and hope for Mercy through Jeſus Chriſt.

Q. Doſt thou embrace the Truth of the Goſpel, in the Love of it; and ſtedfaſtly reſolve to live ſoberly, righteouſly, and godly in this preſent World, all the Days of *thy* Life?

A. I do embrace it, and do ſo reſolve, God being my Helper.

Q. Doſt thou deſire to be admitted into this Branch of the Catholick Church militant in *England*, which hath reformed all the Errors, Corruptions, and Defects that have been introduced into the modern Churches of Chriſtendom, whether of *Rome*, *England*, or others?

A. This I earneſtly deſire.

Q. Art thou then willing to embrace all the Doctrines and Practices of the Catholick Church, which are taught in the Holy Scriptures, or delivered by the Tradition of the Ancient and Univerſal Church?

A. I am willing to embrace them all.

Q. And *art thou* reſolved by God's Grace and Aſſiſtance to continue in the Communion of this our pure Church to *thy* Life's End?

A. I am ſo reſolved, the Lord being my Helper.

[*To be added, if the Convert be a Clergyman.*

Q. And ſince thou haſt received the Order of [Deacon, *or* Prieſt] in that unſound and defective Church, to which thou didſt belong, from the Hands of a Real Biſhop, art thou deſirous of having the ſaid Order allowed in our Church; and wilt thou execute the Office of a [Deacon, *or* Prieſt] among us, faithfully, diligently, and willingly?

A. I am deſirous of the ſame, and will ſo execute the ſaid Office with the Help of God.]

Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay to the Convert:

ALmighty God, who hath given *thee* a Senſe of *thy* Errors, and a Will to do all theſe Things, grant alſo unto *thee* Strength and Power to perform the ſame, that he may accompliſh his Work, which he hath begun in *thee*, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

The Congregation ſhall anſwer, Amen.

Then ſhall the Deacon ſay to the Convert:

Kneel down, and pray:

Here the Convert muſt kneel down, and then the Deacon ſhall ſay to the Congregation:

AND let us all beſeech God for *this* his *Servant*, that he, who is good and the Lover of Mankind, would mercifully hear *his* Prayers and Supplications, and accept *his* Petitions; that he would aſſiſt *him*,

him, and grant *him* the Deſires of *his* Heart, as may be moſt expedient for *him*; that he would reveal unto *him* more fully the Goſpel of his Chriſt, give *him* farther Degrees of Illumination and Underſtanding, and inſtruct *him* in the Knowledge of God and of divine Things; that he would teach *him* his Precepts and Judgments, implant in *him* his holy and ſaving Fear, and open the Ears of *his* Heart that *he* may exerciſe *himſelf* in his Law Day and Night; that he would ſtrengthen *him* in Piety, and unite *him* to and number *him* with his holy Flock; that he would deliver *him* from all Ungodlineſs, and not ſuffer the Adverſary to have any Advantage againſt *him*, but cleanſe *him* from all Filthineſs of Fleſh and Spirit, and dwell in *him*, and walk with *him*, by his Chriſt; that he would bleſs *his* Going out and *his* Coming in, and direct all *his* Deſigns and Purpoſes to *his* Good. Farther yet, let us earneſtly put up our Supplications for *him*, that *he*, renouncing all *his* Errors, and coming to the Knowledge of the Truth, may be thought worthy of the holy Myſteries, and may conſtantly continue in the Communion of Saints.

Anſwer. Lord have Mercy: We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Then ſhall the Prieſt anoint the Convert with the holy Chriſm or Ointment, appointed to be uſed at Confirmation, making the Sign of the Croſs upon his *Forehead, and ſaying,*

N. the Servant of God, is ſealed with the Seal of the Croſs, and anointed with holy Ointment, as an Emblem of the inward Unction of the Holy Spirit, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt. Amen.

Then ſhall the Prieſt lay his Hands upon the Convert's Head, while he ſays the three following Prayers over him *bowing* his *Head:*

O Lord God, who art unbegotten and without Superior; thou Lord of all, who haſt made the ſweet Savour of the Knowledge of the Goſpel to go forth among all Nations: Do thou now grant, that this Chriſm may be effectual in this Perſon, that the ſweet Savour of thy Chriſt may remain firm and ſtable in *him*; that *he*, dying with him in his Death, may riſe again with him in his Reſurrection, and live together with him; by whom and with whom, in the Unity of the Holy Ghoſt, all Honour and Glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, World without End. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, Father of thy Chriſt, thine only-begotten Son; give unto this thy Servant a Body undefiled, a pure Heart, and a watchful Mind, Knowledge without Error, and the powerful Influence of thy Holy Spirit, that *he* may obtain and aſſuredly enjoy the Truth, through thy Chriſt; by whom Glory be to Thee in the Holy Ghoſt, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, unbegotten and inacceſſible, the only true God, the God and Father of thy Chriſt thine only-begotten Son, the God of the Comforter, and the Lord of all, who by Chriſt didſt make Learners become Teachers for the Propagation of Religion and Piety: Do thou now look down upon this thy Servant, and grant that *he* may be admitted into full Communion with thee, by being united to this Branch of thy Holy Church, which adminiſtreth all the Ordinances of thy Chriſt in their evangeli-

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eal Perfection. Give *him* a new Heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within *him*, that *he* may both know and do thy Will with a perfect Heart and a willing Mind. Vouchſafe *him* a conſtant Union with, and Communion, in thy holy Church, and make *him* a worthy Partaker of thy divine Myſteries, through Jeſus Chriſt our Hope, who died for *him*; by whom Glory and Adoration be to Thee in the Holy Ghoſt, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

[*If the Convert be a Clergyman, the Biſhop ſhall add the following Prayer, keeping his Hands laid upon his Head.*

O Almighty God, true and faithful, who art rich unto all that call upon thee in Truth; who art fearful in Counſels, wiſe in Underſtanding, powerful and great: Hear our Prayer, O Lord, and let thine Ears receive our Supplication, and cauſe the Light of thy Countenance to ſhine upon this thy Servant, who hath been ſet apart to the Office of a [Deacon *or* Prieſt] by the Hands of a real though unorthodox Biſhop. Fill him with the Holy Ghoſt and with Power; and grant, we beſeech thee, that now he is united to a pure Branch of the Holy Catholick Church he may, [*if a Deacon* be modeſt, humble, and conſtant in his Miniſtration, and have a ready Will to obſerve all ſpiritual Diſcipline] [*but if a Prieſt, as follows* aſſiſt and govern thy People with a pure Heart, may teach them in Meekneſs, and unblameably perform the ſacred Miniſtrations for them] that he having always the Teſtimony of a good Conſcience, may at length by thee be eternally rewarded, through thy Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, to whom be Glory and Honour, World without End, *Amen.*]

Then ſhall the Prieſt take his Hands off, and ſay the Lord's Prayer, the People joining with him.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day our daily Bread. And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation; But deliver us from the evil One. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay the following Prayer.

O God of Truth and Love, we bleſs and magnify thy holy Name for thy great Mercy and Goodneſs, in bringing *this* thy *Servant* into the Communion of this pure and ſound Branch of the Holy Catholick Church; give *him*, we beſeech thee, Stability and Perſeverance in that Faith, of which *he hath* here before thee and this Congregation witneſſed a good Confeſſion. Suffer *him* not to be moved from it by any Temptations of Satan, Enticements of the World, the Scoffs of irreligious Men, or the Revilings of thoſe who are ſtill in Error; but guard *him* by thy Grace againſt all theſe Snares, and make *him* inſtrumental in turning others from the Errors of their Ways, to the ſaving of their Souls from Death, and the covering a Multitude of Sins. And in thy good Time, O Almighty and merciful God, bring, we pray thee, into the Way of Truth all ſuch as have erred and are deceived; and ſo fetch them home, bleſſed Lord, to thy Flock, that there may be one Fold under one Shepherd Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour; by whom and with whom, in the Unity of the Holy Ghoſt, all Honour and Glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, World without End. *Amen.*

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Then ſhall the Prieſt pronounce the following Bleſſing over the Convert:

GOD the Father bleſs *thee*; Jeſus Chriſt preſerve and keep *thee*; the Holy Spirit enlighten *thee* all the Days of *thy Life*. The Lord pardon all *thy* Errors, confirm and ſanctify *thee*, give *thee* Peace of Conſcience, Stedfaſtneſs in the Faith, and Conſtancy in the Truth: And may our Bleſſed Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, who hath overcome Satan and delivered us from the Wrath to come, receive *thee* into his moſt mighty Protection, that *thou mayeſt* come at laſt by his Bleſſing to his heavenly Kingdom. *Amen.*

Then the Convert ſhall ſtand up, and the Prieſt ſhall ſay to the Congregation:

FOraſmuch as *this Perſon hath* in the Preſence of you all renounced the Errors, in which *he was* unhappily engaged, and *hath* embraced our pure and holy Communion, it is your Duty to look upon *him* as *a* true *Member* of the Church, and to receive *him* as belonging to the Number of the Faithful [*if the Convert be a Clergyman, muſt be added* and to pay him all that Regard and Reſpect, which is due to a [Deacon *or* Prieſt] of the Catholick Church.]

Then ſhall the Prieſt ſay to the Convert:

And for *thy Part*, Dearly Beloved, ſince *thou haſt* by the Goodneſs of God proceeded thus far, I muſt put *thee* in Mind, that *thou* take care to go on in that good Way, into which *thou art* entered, that *thou* adorn *thy* Profeſſion by a ſtrict and holy Converſation, and walk worthy of the Vocation wherewith

thou

thou art now called, with all Lowlineſs and Meekneſs, that all thoſe who are otherwiſe minded, and ſpeak againſt us, as Evil-Doers, may, by *thy* good Works which they ſhall behold, glorify God, in the Day of Viſitation. And, as God of his infinite Mercy hath, by the Guidance of his Holy Spirit, conducted *thee* out of the wrong into the right Way; ſo I beſeech him to give *thee* Grace to walk in the ſame, with Primitive Chriſtian Courage and Conſtancy, all the Days of *thy* Life. To conclude, I have now performed *thy* Deſire, and have with true paternal Affection and Joy admitted *thee* into our Holy Fellowſhip and Communion, of which I can ſincerely ſay in the Words of the Apoſtle, Truly our Fellowſhip is with the Father, and with his Son Jeſus Chriſt. This I ſpeak to the Praiſe and Glory of God, by whoſe Grace we ſtand, and are what we are, returning him Thanks with my whole Heart for *thy* Converſion, and beſeeching him to give *thee* ſuch Peace and Comfort of Conſcience in what *thou haſt* now done, as the World can neither give nor take away. May it pleaſe him alſo, for Chriſt's ſake, to increaſe our Number with true and faithful Converts; may he grant us to ſee the happy and joyful Day, when we and thoſe who are now in Error, may all walk in the Houſe of God as Friends, be all of one Heart and one Mind, and glorify God with one Voice and one Soul: And in theſe Petitions to the Throne of Grace let us all join together, by heartily and devoutly ſaying

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For the USE of Thoſe,

Who mourn for the Iniquities of the preſent Times, and tremble at the Proſpect of impending Judgments.

Together with

PRAYERS,

In Behalf of the

CATHOLICK CHURCH,

And particularly of that Part of it belonging to Theſe KINGDOMS.

To be uſed on every Day in Holy Week except Sunday, and on the firſt Friday in every Month, except a Feſtival happen upon it, in which it is to be uſed on the firſt Wedneſday of the Month.

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To be ſaid immediately after the Prayer in the Penitential Office, which begins thus: O God, whoſe Nature and Property, *&c.*

O Almighty God the Father, who haſt created, and doſt preſerve and govern all Things,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God, who haſt given thine only Son Jeſus Chriſt to redeem Mankind,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God, who haſt ſent thine Holy Spirit to ſanctify, direct, aſſiſt, and guide the Faithful,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God, who willeſt not the Death of a Sinner, but rather that he ſhould repent and live,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God, who calledſt unto Adam after his Fall, that he might confeſs and repent of his Sin and Diſobedience,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God, who didſt ſave Noah in the Ark from periſhing by Water, when thou broughteſt the Flood upon the World of the Ungodly,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God, who deliveredſt juſt Lot, when thou turnedſt the Cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into Aſhes, for the Wickedneſs of them that dwelt therein,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God, who didſt deliver thy Servant Jacob from the Hand of his Brother Eſau, when he cried unto thee in his Diſtreſs and Fear,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God, who deliveredſt thy People Iſrael from their Oppreſſion and Bondage in Egypt, when they cried unto thee,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God, who at the earneſt Entreaty of thy Servant Moſes didſt paſs by the Iniquity of thy People, when thou hadſt threatened to deſtroy them utterly,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God, who deliveredſt thy backſliding People from their cruel Oppreſſors, as often as they called upon thee, by raiſing up Saviours to them,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God, who didſt deliver David thine Anointed out of all his Troubles, becauſe he truſted in thee,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God, who ſenteſt down a Guard of the heavenly Hoſt to defend thy Servant Eliſha from the Army of the Syrians, and didſt ſmite them with Blindneſs,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God,

O God, who deliveredſt Mordecai from the Gallows prepared for him, and thy captive People from a general Slaughter, when they faſted and cried unto thee,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O God, whoſe Eyes are in every Place, beholding the Evil and the Good, to reſtrain the one, and protect the other,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O Bleſſed Jeſus, thou only-begotten Son of the unbegotten Father, who cameſt not to condemn, but to ſave the World,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O Lord, who didſt ſave thy Diſciples, ready to periſh by a Storm, when they cried unto thee for Aid,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O Lord, who didſt rebuke the Wind and the Sea, ſo that there was a great Calm,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O Lord, who didſt graciouſly hear the Woman of Canaan, upon her earneſt Perſeverance in Prayer,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O Lord, who didſt weep over Jeruſalem for her Sins, and for the Evils that were coming upon her,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O Lord, who being exalted to the Right-Hand of the Majeſty on high, doſt ſuccour and defend thy Church,

Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O Lord, who haſt all Power in Heaven and Earth given unto thee, and haſt promiſed to be with thy Church to the End of the World,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O Lord, who art an High-Prieſt for ever, and makeſt continual Interceſſion for us in Heaven,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O Lord, who didſt in a wonderful Manner ſtop the Fury of Saul, who breathed out Threatnings and Slaughters againſt thy Church,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O Lord, who in a more wonderful Manner didſt convert that Perſecutor into an Apoſtle and Preacher of thy Goſpel,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O Lord, who didſt ſend thine Angel to deliver Saint Peter out of Priſon, from the Hand of Herod, and from all the Expectation of the Jews,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O Lord, who didſt love us, and waſh us from our Sins in thy Blood,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O merciful Saviour, who by thy Goodneſs leadeſt to Repentance,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O Holy Jeſus, who trieſt thy Faithful as Gold in the Furnace,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

O gracious

O gracious Saviour, who in the midſt of Wrath remembreſt Mercy,
Have Mercy upon us miſerable Sinners.

Be merciful to us, O Lord, and ſpare us.
Be merciful to us, O Lord, and deliver us.

From all falſe Doctrine, Hereſy, and Schiſm
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all Sacrilege, Profaneneſs, and Perjury
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all Sedition, privy Conſpiracy, and Rebellion
Good Lord, deliver us.

From the prevailing and faſhionable Vices of the Age
Good Lord, deliver us.

From Atheiſm, Blaſphemy, and Infidelity
Good Lord, deliver us.

From denying thee our Lord who bought us, from being ſeduced by the Writings, Converſation, or Example of ſuch as corrupt or renounce the Faith
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all Indifference about Religion, from a careleſs and lukewarm Spirit
Good Lord, deliver us.

From ſcandalous Compliances, and Abuſe of Religion, to ſerve any temporal Ends
Good Lord, deliver us.

From

From all worldly Mindedneſs and worldly Policy, inſpired by the God of this World

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all Allurements or vain Terrors, which may draw us from our Duty

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat, by thy Croſs and Paſſion

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy precious Death and Burial, by thy glorious Reſurrection and Aſcenſion

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all our Temptations, Sufferings, and Perſecutions, which we either endure or fear

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all Time of our Adverſity, in all Time of our Proſperity; in the Hour of Death, and in the Day of Judgment

Good Lord, deliver us.

We Sinners do beſeech thee to hear us, O Lord God: and that thou wouldeſt be pleaſed to raiſe our Minds above the narrow, ſelfiſh, envious, and detracting Spirit of this World,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wouldſt give us Grace to keep a Conſcience void of Offence, both towards thee and towards Man,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That

That we may ever walk worthy of the Vocation wherewith we are called, and adorn the Goſpel of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may all be diligent in the Duties of our particular Stations and Callings, and have Grace faithfully to diſcharge the ſame,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That in this evil Generation thou wouldſt make us wiſe as Serpents, and harmleſs as Doves,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That in this wicked and perverſe Generation we may not be aſhamed of Chriſt, or of the Doctrine of the Croſs,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That our Faith fail us not in the Day of Trial,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may have Grace to ſpeak the Truth with Boldneſs, and not to fear the Faces of Men,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may take joyfully, if need be, the ſpoiling of our Goods for the Truth's ſake,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That our whole Affiance may be in thee, and in thy good Providence, which never faileth them that truſt in thee,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That

That we may endure all that thou haſt brought or ſhalt bring upon us, with Patience, Contentedneſs, and humble Reſignation,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may rejoice, when we are counted worthy to ſuffer Shame for thy Name's ſake,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may firmly adhere and be faithful to Chriſt our Lord and Maſter in all Things,

We beſeech us to hear us, good Lord.

That we may earneſtly labour to advance the Intereſt and Honour of our Lord and his Kingdom upon Earth, and ſtrive to promote the Unity and Enlargement of the Holy Catholick Church,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That the true Primitive Government, Worſhip, and Diſcipline of Chriſt's Church may be reſtored in theſe Nations, to the healing of our Breaches, and the Advancement of thy Glory,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wouldſt be pleaſed to convert all who have erred from the Truth, and have not followed the right Way, preſcribed by our Bleſſed Saviour, and received from the Apoſtles by the Holy Catholick Church,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may pleaſe thee to illuminate all Biſhops, Prieſts, and Deacons with true Knowledge and Underſtanding of thy Word, and to give them Grace

to

to reform all the Errors, Corruptions, and Defects, that have been introduced into the modern Churches of Chriſtendom,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wouldſt be pleaſed to inſpire the Clergy of theſe Nations with a ſtedfaſt Reſolution to embrace all the Doctrines and Practices of the Catholick Church, which are taught in the Holy Scriptures, or delivered by the Tradition of the ancient and univerſal Church,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That the Spirit of Jeſus Chriſt may live and rule in their Hearts, and not the Spirit of the World,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may all have our Eyes fixed upon that Example, which our Bleſſed Lord hath left us, and may daily endeavour to follow him,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wouldſt endue us all with the Spirit of true Humility,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may bear one another's Burdens, and ſo fulfil the Law of Chriſt,

We beſeech thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, we beſeech thee to hear us:

For the ſake of thy beloved Son, we beſeech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beſeech thee to hear us:

Son of God, we beſeech thee to hear us.

&c.

PRAYERS

FOR THE

CHURCH:

To be ſaid immediately after the Prayer for all Sorts and Conditions of Men *in the Penitential Office.*

ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father, who haſt purchaſed to thyſelf an Univerſal Church by the precious Blood of thy dear Son, and by whoſe Spirit it is ſanctified and united into one Body, of which Chriſt Jeſus is the Head: We beſeech thee to look down with an Eye of Pity and Compaſſion upon the miſerable and deplorable Condition of the ſame, as it is at this time in all Places over the whole Earth. Reſtore it every where to its Primitive Truth of Doctrine, Purity of Worſhip, and Strictneſs of Diſcipline, together with a Zeal for thy Glory, and for every thing that belongeth to it, as it is an holy Sect and Society diſtinguiſhed from all other Sects and Societies of the World. Make all religious Bodies of Chriſtians pure and ſound Churches, in profeſſing the Ancient Catholick and Apoſtolick Faith, in embracing the Ancient Catholick and Apoſtolick Govern-

Government, in practiſing the Ancient Catholick and Apoſtolick Worſhip, and in maintaining perfect Charity in the Bond of Peace, and holding univerſal Communion one with another, to the Honour of thy great Name and mutual Support of each other, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

TO this End we humbly beſeech thee, O gracious Father, to pour forth a Spirit of Reformation upon all the Clergy and Laity, upon all the Prieſts and Princes and People of the Chriſtian World, that they may all agree together as one Man to reform whatever is amiſs, and to ſupply whatever is wanting, in all Churches whereſoever diſperſed throughout the whole Earth. In particular we pray thee to cloathe thy Prieſts with Righteouſneſs and Holineſs of Life in all Places, and in a moſt eſpecial manner to inſpire the Biſhops with an Apoſtolical Zeal for thy Glory, in maintaining that Doctrine, Government, Worſhip, and Diſcipline entire, pure, and unblemiſhed, which thou haſt committed to their Truſt. Give them Grace to conſider from whom they are ſent, and whoſe Succeſſors they are; and endue them with the apoſtolical Spirit of Courage and Boldneſs, that they may bear thy Name and their Teſtimony before all Kings, Princes, and People, together with ſuch an holy and heavenly ſuffering Frame of Mind, that they may be ready not only to be bound, but to die for the Lord Jeſus, and for the Doctrines which he hath revealed, for the Inſtitutions which he hath appointed, and for the Powers and Rights which he hath left to his Church. Then ſhall thy People praiſe thee, O Lord: Then ſhall all Kings fall down before thee, and all Nations do thee Service! Then ſhall thy Way be known upon Earth,

and thy ſaving Health among all Nations! And therefore we beſeech thee to receive theſe our Prayers and Interceſſions, which in Faith and Charity we preſent unto thee, through his Merits alone who is the Head of the Catholick Church and the High-Prieſt of our Profeſſion, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

THrough him more eſpecially we put up our Prayers and Supplications to thee, for the miſerable Eſtate of thy Church in theſe Kingdoms, to which we do more immediately belong. Thou, O Lord, didſt bring it like a Vine out of Egypt, and didſt plant it among us, and it took deep Root in the Land. But now, O Lord, in Judgment thou haſt ſuffered her Hedge to be broken down: The Boar out of the Wood doth waſte it, and the wild Beaſts of the Field devour it. But thou, O Lord, how long! Return, we beſeech thee, O God of our Salvation, behold and viſit this Vine, and the Vineyard which thy right Hand hath planted: For thy Mercies ſake make up all its Breaches, and ſurround it with thy Protection as with a ſtrong Wall; and ſo water it with thy heavenly Bleſſing, that it may flouriſh again, and bring forth the Fruits of Piety and Peace, as in ancient Times, to the Honour of thy holy Name. To this End, O Lord, we farther beſeech thee to touch the Hearts of our National Clergy with a true Senſe of their erroneous Doctrines and Practices, that none of them may prefer their private Fancies before the conſentient Tradition of the Church Univerſal in the pureſt early Times, that they may adminiſter all the Ordinances of thy Chriſt in their Evangelical Perfection, and by ſuch their happy Converſion bring back thy People to a perfect Union and Communion with the Primitive Catholick Church, from which they have miſled them.

them. O grant them Grace to remember from whence they are fallen: Give them the ſame Spirit, that thou formerly gaveſt to thy holy Confeſſors and Martyrs, the Spirit of Power, Courage, and a ſound Mind which caſteth out Fear, that they may chooſe Suffering before Sinning, and not be aſhamed to witneſs a good Confeſſion of all the Truths, delivered to us from the Apoſtles by the Holy Catholick Church. Let not the Love of the World prevail in them over the Love of God; but give them Grace to prefer our holy Religion, and the Honour of their own holy Profeſſion, before the Revenues that are annexed to it; that ſo thy People beholding their exemplary Repentance, may return with them to the right, as they have followed them in the wrong Way, to the Salvation of their own Souls, to the Atonement of thy juſt Diſpleaſure, to the Honour of our diſgraced Religion, to the Joy of thy holy Angels in Heaven, and to the Praiſe and Glory of thy great Name, through our bleſſed Mediator and Advocate, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

THrough him alſo, O gracious Father, who wouldſt have all the World to be converted, and come to the ſaving Knowledge of the Truth, we beſeech thee to have Mercy upon all Jews, Turks, and other Infidels, and to fetch them home to thy Catholick Church. To that great End, we earneſtly pray thee to remove all Scandals and Offences which Chriſtians give them in almoſt all Places; the ſcandalous Uſe of Images in divine Worſhip; the Scandal of worldly Pomp and Greatneſs among the Biſhops and other Dignitaries of the Clergy; the Scandal of Rebellion among Chriſtian Subjects againſt their lawful Sovereigns; the Scandal of unjuſt, cruel,

cruel, and long Wars among Chriſtian States and Princes; the Scandal of Schiſms, and Hereſies, and Want of Charity among Chriſtian Churches; together with the Scandal of Swearing, Blaſpheming, Oppreſſion, and all other ſcandalous Immoralities and Profaneneſs: That ſo primitive Truth of Doctrine, with primitive Purity of Worſhip, and Holineſs of Life in Humility, Chaſtity, Juſtice, and Charity, and all the Fruits of the Spirit, as Self-denial, Subjection, Contentment, and Peace, flouriſhing every-where throughout the Chriſtian World, all Infidels may be brought to embrace the Chriſtian Religion, and with us become Children of the Promiſes and Heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

FUrthermore, O Lord, who art juſt in all thy Ways and righteous in all thy Judgments, we put up our earneſt Prayers and Supplications unto thee in Behalf of thoſe Countries, where Chriſtianity formerly flouriſhed, but now lieth languiſhing and almoſt waſte. For thy infinite Mercies ſake, O thou Lover of Souls, remember Aſia, Africa, and Greece, where thou haſt had ſuch pure Faith, ſuch full and flouriſhing Churches, famous for Martyrs and Confeſſors; and renew them all again. Lord, where are thy former loving Kindneſſes? Shall thy Jealouſy always burn like Fire? Wilt thou be no more entreated? Haſt thou forgotten to be gracious, and caſt them off for ever? Call to Remembrance, O Lord, thy former Mercies, and thy loving Kindneſſes which have been ever of old? Look upon the Purchaſe of thy Son's Blood, and betroth them to thyſelf again in Righteouſneſs, Faithfulneſs, and Judgment, in loving Kindneſs and Mercy. Then ſhall thy Zion rejoice,

rejoice, O Lord; then ſhall every Creature in Heaven and Earth praiſe thee, and give Honour, and Bleſſing, and Glory, and Power unto thee, who ſitteſt upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FInally, O Lord, thou God that heareſt Prayer, let our humble Supplications and Interceſſions come before thee for thoſe Parts of the World, where thy Goſpel hath not been preached. Haſten to accompliſh that Promiſe in its full Extent, which thou haſt made to thy Son, of giving him the Heathen for his Inheritance, and the utmoſt Parts of the Earth for his Poſſeſſion. Let the barren and barbarous Nations rejoice, let the Day-ſpring viſit them from on high, and the Light of the Gentiles enlighten them, who ſit ſtill in Darkneſs and in the Regions of the Shadow of Death. To that end we pray thee to inſpire all Biſhops and Prieſts with a truly Apoſtolical Spirit of Zeal, to propagate thy Goſpel and all the ſaving Truths of it in all diſtant Countries, where it hath not yet been heard: O proſper their Labours; and as their Converſions increaſe by thy Bleſſing, give them Grace to plant Churches after Churches in and with that one holy Prieſthood, which is and ought to be the ſame in all Parts of the one Holy Catholick Church. Thou, O Lord, who haſt ſet all the Borders of the Earth, viſit them with thy Salvation: Thou who haſt created the North and the South, ſay to the one Give up, and to the other Keep not back; but daily bring thy Sons from far, and thy Daughters from the Ends of the Earth: O gather thy People from the Eaſt and the Weſt into thy Kingdom. Let the Indians praiſe thee, O God; let all the Indians praiſe thee. Then ſhall

thy Name be great among the Gentiles, from the Riſing of the Sun unto the Going down of the ſame: Our Fathers, O Lord, were as barbarous and as ignorant of thee as they are; they ſat in the ſame Degree of Darkneſs, being carried away unto dumb Idols, even as theſe are: But thou in great Mercy didſt ſend forth thy Light and thy Truth among them; and thou art the ſame God, infinite in Compaſſion and Mercy: And therefore for thy Mercies ſake, O Father of Mercies, look down upon them all with the Eyes of thy Favour: O make them to hear thy Voice, that they may no longer be Aliens from the Commonwealth of Iſrael, and Strangers from the Covenants of Promiſe, but may with us become one Fold under the one Shepherd and Biſhop of our Souls, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

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PRAYERS,

To be Uſed upon

The Death *of the* MEMBERS *of the* CHURCH,

As ſoon after their Departure as conveniently may be;

And to be Said by a

CLERGYMAN, if to be Had,

But if Not,

By ANY ONE of the FAITHFUL.

BRITISH MUSEUM

Bleſſed are the Dead who die in the Lord, For they reſt from their Labours.

Let Us Pray.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day our Day our daily Bread. And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation; But deliver us from the Evil one. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

WE commend unto thee, O Lord, the Soul of this thy Servant, that *he* being dead to the World, may live unto thee; and whatever Sins through human Frailty *he* hath committed, do thou blot out and wipe away by thy merciful Pardon, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the God of Spirits and of all Fleſh, who bringeſt down to the Grave, and bringeſt up; who formedſt Man of the Duſt of the Ground, and reduceſt him again into Duſt by reaſon of Sin; who in thy great Wiſdom joineſt his Soul to his Body, and ſeparateſt them again, cauſing the Duſt to return to the Earth as it was, and the Spirit unto thee who gaveſt it, and of thy great Mercy calleſt him back to Life again: O God, who art good and the Lover of Mankind, do thou now receive the Soul of this thy Servant; mercifully overlook and pardon whatever Sin

he hath committed, whether in Thought, Word, or Deed; ſuffer not any evil Spirit to have Power over *him* or to hurt *him*, but ſend thy benevolent holy Angels to *him*, to conduct *him* into the Manſions of the Juſt, the Region of Light, which is free from the Storms and Tempeſts of this World, where the Souls of the Righteous converſe together in a joyful Expectation of their future Reward: And at the laſt great Day raiſe *him* again, not to Condemnation, but to Juſtification; grant *him* a good and merciful Trial at the tremendous Judgment of thy Chriſt, and crown *him* with everlaſting Happineſs in the Kingdom of thy Glory. Finally, O Lord, accept of our charitable Prayers for this our *Brother*, make us who are yet alive, perfect in every good Word and Work, give us a Chriſtian End without Sin, and be gracious and merciful unto us, for the ſake of thy Chriſt.

IN whoſe Name we beſeech thee, O Father of Spirits, to accompliſh the Number of thine Elect; that we, and all thoſe who are gone before us and who ſhall follow us to their promiſed Reſt, may have our Conſummation of perfect Bliſs both in Body and Soul at the Reſurrection of the Juſt; through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who roſe from the Dead and aſcended into Heaven, and to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghoſt, the Lord, the Giver of Life, be all Glory, Honour, and Worſhip, Thankſgiving, and Adoration, now and for ever, World without End. *Amen.*

THE Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the Love of God, and the Fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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OFFICE

For the USE of Thoſe,

Who by unavoidable Neceſſity are deprived of the Advantage of joining in offering the Sacrifice, and of receiving the Sacrament, of the Holy Euchariſt:

To be uſed upon every Feſtival, for which a proper Epiſtle and Goſpel are appointed, about the Time that the Euchariſt is publickly celebrated in the Church.

Begin with the Introduction, as in the Private Devotions for the Morning and Evening.

Then ſay ſtanding,

O GOD, make ſpeed to ſave me.
O Lord, make haſte to help me.

Then ſay or chant the 42d Pſalm.

LIKE as the Hart deſireth the Water-brooks: ſo longeth my Soul after thee, O God.

My Soul is athirſt for God, yea even for the living God: when ſhall I come to appear before the Preſence of God?

My

My Tears have been my Meat Day and Night: while they daily ſay unto me, Where is now thy God?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my Heart by myſelf: for I went with the Multitude, and brought them forth into the Houſe of God;

In the Voice of Praiſe and Thankſgiving: among ſuch as keep Holy-Day.

Why art thou ſo full of Heavineſs, O my Soul; and why art thou ſo diſquieted within me?

Put thy Truſt in God: for I will yet give him Thanks for the Help of his Countenance.

My God, my Soul is vexed within me: therefore will I remember thee concerning the Land of Jordan, and the little Hill of Hermon.

One Deep calleth another, becauſe of the Noiſe of the Water-pipes: all thy Waves and Storms are gone over me.

The Lord hath granted his loving Kindneſs on the Day-time: and in the Night-ſeaſon did I ſing of him, and made my Prayer unto the God of my Life.

I will ſay unto the God of my Strength, Why haſt thou forgotten me: why go I ſo heavily, while the Enemy oppreſſeth me?

My Bones are ſmitten aſunder, as with a Sword: while mine Enemies that trouble me, caſt me in the Teeth;

Namely, while they ſay daily unto me: Where is now thy God?

Why art thou ſo vexed, O my Soul: and why art thou ſo diſquieted within me?

O put thy Truſt in God: for I will yet thank him, who is the Help of my Countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghoſt; [Hallelujah:]

As it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be: World without End. Amen. [Hallelujah.]

Note, the Word Hallelujah *is to be added only on Sundays, and on every Day between Eaſter and Pentecoſt.*

Then ſay or chant the following:

HAPPY, thrice happy they, O merciful God: who freely may enter thy holy Sanctuary, and ſing aloud their Praiſes to thy Name;

Who every Day may wait on thy Altar: and there ſecurely praiſe and adore thee.

But as thy Providence doth not favour me now with that Bleſſing: refuſe not, O Lord, to extend the greater Meaſure of thy Grace;

And to me who live in this ſpiritual Deſtitution: O grant extraordinary Supplies from thyſelf;

That at leaſt I may build a little Chapel in my Heart: and conſecrate myſelf entirely to thee.

Grant, that the more I want of other Helps: I may find the greater Aſſiſtances from thee.

Make me ſenſible of the bleſſed Opportunities: I have had, and now want, to wait upon thee.

Forgive me the Neglect and ill Improvement I have made of them: and though I am deprived of the Aſſiſtance of a Prieſt, yet O do thou be with me.

For every Place, where thou art not graciouſly preſent, is unholy: but where thou art, is Joy and Peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghoſt; [Hallelujah:]

As it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be: World without End. Amen. [Hallelujah.]

Then

Then ſign yourſelf with the Sign of the Croſs upon your Forehead, and ſay,

GOD forbid that I ſhould glory, ſave in the Croſs of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, by whom the World is crucified unto me, and I unto the World.

May the Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the Love of God, and the Fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with me now and for evermore. Amen.

I will lift up my Heart unto the Lord, and will give Thanks unto my God:

For it is meet and right ſo to do.

IT is very meet and right above all Things, to give Praiſe unto thee, the true God, the Being of Beings, the great I A M, who exiſteſt before all Creatures, of whom the whole Family in Heaven and Earth is named; who alone art Unbegotten, without Original, without Superior, the moſt high Lord, Almighty King, and Self-ſufficient: Thou art the Author and Giver of all good Things; thou art above all Cauſe and Generation; thou art always and immutably the ſame. From thee, as from a neceſſary Original, all Things came into Being: For thou art eternal Knowledge, Sight before all Objects, Hearing before all Sounds, Wiſdom without Inſtruction; the Firſt in Nature, the Fountain of Being, infinite, incomprehenſible.

Thee thine everlaſting Armies adore, the innumerable Hoſts of Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, the Cherubim alſo and ſix-winged Seraphim, with twain of which they cover their Feet, with twain their Heads, and with twain they fly, ſaying, together with Thouſands of Archangels, and Ten thouſand times Ten

thouſand

thouſand Angels, crying inceſſantly with uninterrupted Shouts of Praiſe,

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Sabaoth; Heaven and Earth are full of his Glory: Bleſſed is he for evermore. Amen.

With them, together glorifying thee with united Shouts of Joy, I beſeech thee to command alſo my Voice to be admitted, with humble Submiſſion ſaying,

Glory be to God in the Higheſt, and on Earth Peace, Good-will towards Men: Hoſanna to the Son of David: Bleſſed is the Lord God, who cometh in the Name of the Lord, and hath manifeſted himſelf unto us. Hoſanna in the Higheſt.

I will [fall on my Knees, O Lord, *here kneel down, except on Sundays and every Day between Eaſter and Pentecoſt, when this Clauſe between Hooks is to be omitted,* and will] fervently and intenſely pray to thee my God through thy Chriſt.

Lord, have Mercy: I beſeech thee to hear me, good Lord.

O Almighty Lord and King of Glory, who of thy great and inexpreſſible Goodneſs didſt ſend thine only-begotten Son; that as by Man Sin had entered into the World, and Death by Sin, ſo he who was in the Boſom of God the Father, might be born of a Woman, the Ever-Virgin Mary, and be made under the Law, that he might condemn Sin in his Fleſh; and that they who in Adam died, might be made alive in the ſame, thy Chriſt: Who converſed in this World, gave us the Precepts of Salvation, and leading us from the Error of Idolatry, brought us to the Knowledge of the true God: Who purchaſed to himſelf a peculiar People, a royal Prieſt-

hood, an holy Nation, by the Purification of the Water of Baptiſm, by the Sanctification of the Holy Ghoſt, by making himſelf a Ranſom for us, and giving himſelf up to Death, in which we were detained, being ſold under Sin: Who alſo hath left us the Monuments and Memorials of his ſaving Paſſion, the divine and heavenly Myſteries, the tremendous and unbloody Sacrifice for our Sins, his moſt holy Body and precious Blood: (for when he was about to go forth to his voluntary and life-giving Death, the ſame Night in which he was betrayed, or rather in which he delivered himſelf up for the Life and Salvation of the World, taking Bread into his holy and immaculate Hands, looking up to Heaven, and offering it to thee his God and Father, when he had given Thanks, bleſſed, ſanctified, and broken it, he gave it to his holy Diſciples, ſaying, Take, eat, This is my Body, which is given for many, for the Remiſſion of Sins: In like manner alſo having mixed the Cup with Wine and Water, looking up to thee his God and Father, and offering it, when he had given Thanks, ſanctified, bleſſed, and filled it with the Holy Spirit, he gave it to his Diſciples, ſaying, Drink ye all of it, This is my Blood of the New Teſtament, which is ſhed for you and for many, for the Remiſſion of Sins: Do this for a Memorial of me; for as often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye do ſhew forth my Death till I come:) Who hath likewiſe aſſured us, that except we feed on the Fleſh of the Son of Man, and make his Blood our Drink, we have no Life in us; that whoſo feedeth on his Fleſh, and drinketh his Blood, hath eternal Life, and he will raiſe him up at the laſt Day; that his Fleſh is Meat indeed, and his Blood is Drink indeed; that it is the Spirit who quickneth, the

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[natural] Fleſh profiteth nothing; and that the Words, which he ſpake [concerning this divine and heavenly Myſtery] are Spirit and Life:

I a Sinner, thy unworthy Servant, do beg, pray, and beſeech thee, O thou Holy of Holies; that, as thy Providence doth not at preſent give me the happy Opportunity of receiving the precious Body and Blood of thy Chriſt, thou wouldſt mercifully accept of my earneſt Longing after this Bread, this hidden Manna, which giveth Life unto the World, and of my hearty Deſire to drink of the Cup of Salvation, the Fountain which thou haſt opened for Sin and Uncleanneſs, the venerable Blood of thy Chriſt, who through the eternal Spirit offered himſelf without Spot to God, to purge our Conſciences from dead Works, to ſerve thee the living God.

Help me, O Lord, at all Times to judge myſelf, that I may not be judged by thee; to repent me truly of my Sins paſt, to have a lively and ſtedfaſt Faith in Chriſt my Saviour, to amend my Life, and to be in perfect Charity with all Men; ſo that I may always be meet, whenever thy Providence is pleaſed to give me the Opportunity, to partake of thy holy Myſteries.

Aſſiſt me alſo to give moſt humble and hearty Thanks to thee, O God the Father, and to thy Son and Holy Spirit, for the Redemption of the World by the Death and Paſſion of our Saviour Chriſt, both God and Man, who did humble himſelf, even to the Death upon the Croſs, for us miſerable Sinners, who lay in Darkneſs and the Shadow of Death, that he might make us thy Children, O God, and exalt us to everlaſting Life. And foraſmuch as our only Saviour Jeſus Chriſt hath inſtituted and ordained the holy Euchariſtick Myſteries, as Pledges of his Love, and

for a continual Memorial of his Death, to our great and endleſs Comfort; may I therefore render to him, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghoſt (as I am moſt bounden) continual Thanks, ſubmitting myſelf wholly to thy holy Will and Pleaſure, and ſtudying to ſerve thee in true Holineſs and Righteouſneſs all the Days of my Life.

Thus let me waſh my Hands in Innocency, O Lord, and do thou in thine own good Time vouchſafe me the Bleſſing of a conſtant Communion at thine Altar; that I may ſhew the Voice of Thankſgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous Works; that I may offer in thy Dwelling an Oblation with great Gladneſs, and ſing and ſpeak Praiſes to thee, O Lord; that I who am poor, may eat and be ſatisfied, and be made to drink into thy Holy Spirit: that ſo while I paſs through this Vale of Miſery, I may go from Strength to Strength; that when I ſhall put off this my Tabernacle, I may be received into the Paradiſe of my God; and when at the Reſurrection of the Juſt this Corruptible ſhall have put on Incorruption, and Death ſhall be ſwallowed up in Victory, I may then come unto Mount Sion, and unto the City of the Living God, the heavenly Jeruſalem, and to an innumerable Company of Angels, to the general Aſſembly, and Church of the Firſt-born who are written in Heaven, and to God the Judge of All, and to the Spirits of juſt Men made perfect, and to Jeſus the Mediator of the new Covenant.

All this I beg through our great High Prieſt, who aſcended up on High far above all Heavens, to prepare a Place for us, and will come again and receive us unto himſelf, that where he is, there we may be alſo, even our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; by whom, and with whom, in the Unity of the Holy

Ghoſt, all Honour and Glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, World without End. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and Ever-living God, who by thy holy Apoſtle haſt taught us to offer Prayers, and Supplications, and Euchariſts for all Men; I humbly beſeech thee, for thy Goodneſs ſake, and in vertue of the Gifts which are this Day offered to thee on thy ſacred Altar in the ſeveral Congregations of true Catholick Chriſtians, that thou wouldſt remember thy holy Catholick and Apoſtolick Church throughout the whole World, and plentifully furniſh her with the precious Graces of thy Holy Spirit.

Remember, O Lord, the holy Biſhops in the ſame, eſpecially *N.* my Biſhop; endow them with Wiſdom, and fill them with the Holy Ghoſt, that they may rightly divide the Word of thy Truth.

Remember, O Lord, all the Presbyters and Deacons who compaſs thy holy Altar; grant that the former may be unblameable in their Presbyterate, and preſerve the latter unſpotted in their Miniſtry.

Remember, O Lord, all Kings and Princes, whom thou haſt appointed to reign upon Earth, and eſpecially thy Servant my King, and all in Authority under him; eſtabliſh his Kingdom in Peace, and incline his Heart to be favourable to thy Church, that in his Tranquillity his Subjects may lead a quiet and peaceable Life in all Godlineſs and Honeſty.

Remember, O Lord, this Place, and every City and Country, with all the Faithful who dwell in them; preſerve them in Peace and Safety.

Remember, O Lord, my Chriſtian Brethren that travel by Sea or by Land, or are in foreign Countries, that are in Chains or Impriſonment, that are in Captivity or Baniſhment, or in hard Slavery, and all that

that are any way perſecuted for Truth and Righteouſneſs ſake.

Remember, O Lord, thoſe that are ſick and diſeaſed, [eſpecially ——] and ſuch as are infeſted with evil Spirits, and make haſte to heal and deliver them.

Remember, O Lord, every Chriſtian Soul under Affliction or Calamity, and all who ſtand in need of thy Divine Mercy and Help.

Remember alſo the Converſion of thoſe that are in Error.

Remember all, O Lord, for Good: Have Mercy upon all, O Lord: be reconciled to all: ſettle the Flocks of thy People in Peace: remove all Scandals: make Wars to ceaſe: put a Stop to the Violence of Hereſies: heal the Schiſms of the Churches; and grant to all the World thy Peace and Love, O God, our Saviour, and the Hope of all the Ends of the Earth.

Remember, O Lord, to ſend temperate Weather, moderate Showers, pleaſant Dews, and Plenty of the Fruits of the Earth; and to bleſs the whole Circle of the Year with thy Goodneſs: for the Eyes of all look up to thee, and thou giveſt them Food in due Seaſon; thou openeſt thy Hand, and filleſt every living Creature with thy Bounty.

Remember, O Lord, all who bring forth Fruit and do good Works in thy holy Churches, and who are mindful of the Poor.

Remember all Widows, Orphans, Strangers, and indigent Perſons.

Remember, I beſeech thee, O Lord, my Enemies, Perſecutors, Slanderers, and all that hate me; forgive them, and turn their Hearts.

Remember, O Lord, all my Relations, [eſpecially ——] all my Acquaintance, Friends, and Benefactors, [particularly ——] thoſe who pray for me, and all who deſire or ſtand in need of my Prayers.

Remember alſo, O Lord, thoſe who have this Day offered their Oblations at thy holy Altar, and for whom or for what Ends every one hath offered: and in a moſt eſpecial manner I pray thee to remember my Unworthineſs, and to accept of the great Chriſtian Sacrifice offered to thee this Day in Behalf of me, who on a juſt Cauſe am unhappily abſent from it.

And grant, that I and all for whom I pray, may find Mercy and Favour, with all thy Saints who from the Beginning of the World have pleaſed thee in their ſeveral Generations, the Patriarchs, Prophets, Apoſtles, Martyrs, and Confeſſors, [particularly *N.* whom I this Day commemorate.]

Remember, O Lord, thou God of Spirits and of all Fleſh, the Souls of all who are departed in the Faith of Chriſt, [eſpecially ——] Grant them perpetual Reſt and Peace in the Region of the Living, in the Boſoms of the holy Fathers Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob, whence Sorrow, Grief, and Lamentation are baniſhed away, where the Light of thy Countenance viſiteth, and ſhineth continually; and vouchſafe to bring them to thy heavenly Kingdom.

Finally, O Lord, diſpoſe the End of my Life in Peace, that it may be Chriſtian, well pleaſing to thee, and free from Sin; number me among the righteous, and write my Name in the Book of Life, through thine only-begotten Son, our Lord, and God, and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, for he alone appeared without Sin upon Earth; by whom, and with whom, Thou art bleſſed and glorified, in thy Holy Spirit, now and for ever, World without End. Amen.

As my Saviour Chriſt hath commanded and taught me, I am bold to ſay,

OUR Father, who art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done on Earth, as is in Heaven. Give us this Day our daily Bread. And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation; But deliver us from the Evil one. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

MY Soul hath a Deſire and Longing to enter into the Courts of the Lord: When ſhall I come to appear before the Preſence of God, in the Aſſembly of his People? In the mean time I know full well, O heavenly Father, that thy Eyes are in every Place, in all the dark Corners of the Earth, and that thou art every-where near to all who call upon thee faithfully.

I rely upon the Sacrifice offered by Chriſt Jeſus for the Pardon of my Sins, for the Aſſiſtance of thy Grace in doing my Duty for the future, and for the Aſſurance of an happy Reſurrection to eternal Life, I acknowledge it to be the bounden Duty of all Chriſtians, to communicate with Chriſt and each other in that holy Ordinance, where he hath declared his Body to be given to God for us, his Blood to be ſhed for the Remiſſion of our Sins, and hath commanded us to eat the one and drink the other. Lord, thou knoweſt the Deſire of my Heart to be to this Bread and this Cup; and that whenever thy good Providence ſhall remove the preſent Obſtacle, I am ready conſtantly to join with any true Catholick Prieſt and People, in offering this Sacrifice, and partaking

taking of this ſpiritual Feaſt: In the mean time I lament the Want of frequent Opportunity, and promiſe, that if thou wilt deliver me from my preſent inconvenient Situation, I will give Thanks unto thy Name, I will pay my Vows in the Midſt of thy People, and will with them duly and regularly celebrate the Memorial of the Body and Blood of my Redeemer.

Accept, O Lord, of my Will and Deſire, while I cannot actually be preſent at the Chriſtian Sacrifice and Communion: Let thy gracious Preſence be with me, while I do now in Mind and Spirit approach thine Altar, and offer my Mite, and join in the Devotions of thy Church, and magnify thy Love and Mercy in all thy Works, and eſpecially in the Redemption of the World through Chriſt Jeſus, and confeſs my Unworthineſs of the leaſt of thy Mercies, much more of that which is the greateſt, the being a Partaker of the moſt holy Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son. I lament and abhor my Sins, and renounce them for the Time to come: I ſincerely love thee, and thy Son, and his Goſpel, above all Things: I love my Neighbours after the ſame Manner that I love myſelf; I deſire their preſent Welfare, and their eternal Happineſs: I ſincerely forgive my Enemies, and ſtedfaſtly purpoſe and reſolve in all Things to fulfil thy Will. O Lord, reject not my Prayer, nor turn thy Mercy from me; while, though abſent in Body from all Congregations of true Catholick Chriſtians, but preſent with them all in Spirit and Deſire, I join with them in pleading the Merits of the all-ſufficient Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of thy Son, for the Pardon of my Sins, for the obtaining of all neceſſary Graces, and of a happy Reſurrection to eternal Life. I ſin-

cerely labour for, and have a true Hunger and Thirſt after, the Bread and Cup of the holy Euchariſt, the heavenly Food that endureth to everlaſting Life. O, whilſt I am denied the bleſſed Sacrament itſelf, be thou pleaſed to grant me the Power and Effect of it by the Operation of the Holy Ghoſt; and diſmiſs me not without a Bleſſing, through the High-Prieſt of our Oblation, Jeſus Chriſt, thine only Son, my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Then end with the Concluſion, as in the Private Devotions for the Morning and Evening.

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